



DOE DIALOGUE | Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz

May 13, 2014

This DOE Dialogue has many items of interest. Please be sure to read the memorandums below and forward them to your teaching staff concerning *Hoosier Family of Readers*, international opportunities, summer e-learning events, a video introducing teachers and students to the new Children's Museum China exhibits, and more.

***ISTEP online testing...**

As of Friday, May 9th, Indiana students have completed 91% of ISTEP online testing. Thank you for your continued work with students as we near the online closing window on May 13th. The IDOE is very receptive to getting CTB tech support to schools when it is needed. Contact Michele Walker for any assistance.

U. S. Department of Education ESEA Flexibility Waiver

The report reflects the status of Indiana's ESEA Flexibility Waiver as of August 2013. The Department has been working with USED since that time to be ready to respond to the waiver with appropriate amendments to extend our waiver for one more year.

Superintendents, I am asking Deputy Superintendent Danielle Shockey to serve as your single point of contact for any of your personal inquiries to the Department. She will follow up with you regarding any matters. dshockey@doe.in.gov THANKS!

Enjoy the beautiful weather this week!

Keep in touch. Feel free to leave comments at doecomm@doe.in.gov.

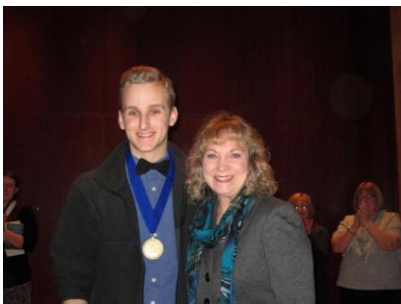
Sincerely,

Glenda Ritz, Superintendent of Public Instruction

NOTE: * indicates data information requirements for ALL public schools, including charter schools.

Superintendent Ritz urges you to visit the Magnificent and Mysterious Terra Cotta Warriors from China ([see video](#))

[The Children's Museum of Indianapolis](#), transformed into a colorful, authentic, Chinese experience, sets the mood for children and families to immerse themselves in two extraordinary interactive exhibits. ([press release](#)) Rare and priceless [Terra Cotta Warriors](#), buried for centuries in China, recently settled comfortably into the world's largest children's museum following years of planning and preparation by curators on both sides of the ocean. Now, it is time to call members of this army to attention in the only place they will be seen in the United States in 2014, The Children's Museum of Indianapolis. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0C-NPwpyqUk&feature=youtu.be&safe=active>



Scott Van Wye, a senior from Lawrence High School and a student of Richard Phillipy, won first prize at the 31st annual **English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition** on May 5th at Lincoln Center, the best of 58 winners of ESU Branch competitions nationwide. He was awarded a full scholarship to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art's Young Actors Summer School in London.

The [ESU](#) celebrates English as a shared language to foster global understanding and good will by providing educational and cultural opportunities for students, educators, and members. To find out more about our programs [click](#)

[here](#). <http://www.esuus.org/indianapolis/>

Memorandum

MEMORANDUM: eLearning Book Club to read Thrive: 5 Ways to (Re)Invigorate Your Teaching by National Board Certified teacher Meenoo Rami. Our online weekly book discussions will begin on Monday, June 2nd and will end Friday, August 1. (No discussion 4th of July week.) We will begin with a week of introductions, and then each week a discussion prompt will be shared in the blog and participants will be invited to respond, sharing their thoughts, ideas, and/or questions. All participants who make a meaningful contribution to each week's discussion will be entered into a drawing to win a \$1000 professional development grant. More than one grant will be given so, [buy the book](#), [join the blog](#), and dive into the discussions that begin on June 2nd. ([summer book memo](#))

MEMORANDUM: State of Indiana K-12 School Superintendents! The Indiana CTO Council has contracted Mark A. Edwards, Ed.D. Superintendent of the Mooresville Graded School District (MGSD) in Mooresville, NC, as our Keynote Speaker and session presenter at our Annual Indiana CTO Council Conference on May 15 at the [Marten House](#) located on the north side of Indianapolis. In his unique interactive Keynote Address and session, Edwards will discuss his most significant successes and challenges, particularly in ed tech. [REGISTER NOW](#) to ensure your spot at the Conference. ([see flyer](#))

MEMORANDUM: School Health Legislative Update for the 2014-2015 School Year, The IDOE is hosting a YouTube Webinar regarding current and new Health Legislation that will impact schools for the upcoming school year. Please join us to learn about the changes to the immunization requirements, the changes to the concussion law, the new epinephrine law, the new CPR requirement for high school health education, and the new sudden cardiac arrest law. This Webinar will take place on May 28 from 3:00-4:00 PM. Registration is not required. The Webinar can be accessed on May 28 at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/INEducation>

MEMORANDUM: Estimate of Reimbursement for 2014 Summer School Programs: A total of 297 school corporations and charter schools reported expenditure estimates for the 2014 summer school programs that totaled more than \$28 million. ([summer school memo](#)) The actual percentage will be determined when actual expenditure data is received this fall. Please refer to the 2014 Summer School Program Eligible Courses listed at <http://www.doe.in.gov/idoeg/grants-management/summer-school> ([summer school cost sheet 1](#).) If you have any questions about this announcement or the method of estimating summer school reimbursement, please contact me at drichburg@doe.in.gov.

MEMORANDUM: Hoosier Family of Readers, Learn how First Book and the Indiana Department of Education's [Hoosier Family of Readers](#) are working together to promote a love of reading among children across the state. Discover how you can access brand new, affordable books from First Book to support your reading activities. The May edition of Hoosier Family of Readers Newsletter is attached ([see attachment](#))

[First Book](#) is a nonprofit organization that provides access to new, affordable books for children in need. Since 1992, First Book has distributed more than 100 million books to educators and program leaders serving children in need. First Book is transforming the lives of children experiencing poverty and elevating the quality of education by making new, high-quality books available on an ongoing basis. First Book aggregates the voice of the largest and fastest growing network of educators and program leaders serving children in need. Through pioneering partnerships with children's book publishers, First Book secures high-quality titles that help those in its network create enriched learning experiences for the

children they serve.

For more information, visit www.firstbook.org and www.doe.in.gov/hoosierreaders. Register for a session now by clicking a date below: [Tue, May 27, 2014 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM EDT](#)

MEMORANDUM: The Indiana Department of Education is seeking applicants to conduct secondary reviews of Title I, Part A Basic and Charter grant applications and amendments to ensure compliance and accuracy in the grants. The reviewer will conduct a second review and approve online, Indiana Title I, Part A Basic and Charter applications (2014 amendments and 2015 applications) using guidelines set forth in Title I Regulations. ([See announcement](#)) All applicants must ensure that there are no conflicts of interest which would include responsibilities related to the development or completion of LEA Title I, Part A Basic and Charter grant applications. Please complete the [attached application](#) and submit it to Jeff Barber, Assistant Director of Grants Management by email at jbarber@doe.in.gov.

Information From Other Agencies

The **Ford Hoosier Outdoor Experience** - the Midwest's largest outdoor recreational event - is searching for volunteers. The 2014 event will take place at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis, 9/20-9/21. This free, family-friendly event offers more than 50 different outdoor activities and runs from 10am-6pm each day. Volunteers will be assigned to help in five-hour shifts with one of the many on-site activities such as fishing, mountain biking, canoeing, archaeological dig and more. Come experience one of the greatest events of the year! Starting July 1st sign up to volunteer at <http://2013experiencevolunteers.eventbrite.com>. Contact volunteer coordinator Cheryl Hampton, (317) 233-1002, champton@dnr.in.gov. Visit us online at www.hoosieroutdoorexperience.IN.gov

INDIANA STATE POLICE SUMMER YOUTH CAMP PROGRAM The Indiana Troopers Youth Services organization coordinates the Indiana State Police Summer Youth Camp Program each summer. The camps have been held every summer since 1970. Our camps are age-appropriate for 5th grade through high school. We offer 4 camps for 5-6 graders; 2 for 7-8 graders and 2 for high school age. All camps are held on Indiana college campuses. Thanks to the generosity of service organizations and individuals we do have some financial assistance available to help families in need of it. Our website is: www.trooper.org and the application and other information is available on website. Contact Karen W. Shelton â€”Director of Operations â€”Indiana Troopers Youth Services, Inc. â€”800-671-9851 ([youth camp flyer](#))

HANDS in Autism® our mission is to provide unique learning opportunities designed to improve understanding of the process and ability of working with individuals with ASD and a range of other developmental and behavioral challenges through hands-on and coaching experiences and building bridges of information, resources and collaboration across family, educational, medical and community systems.

HANDS in Autism® Next Steps Facilitator Certification process has been established. This process is generally reflected below as the "Pathway to becoming a certified HANDS in Autism® Next Steps Facilitator".

- **Instruction:** [Training Stage 1-Initial Training](#) September 13-14, Indianapolis
- **Shadowing & Modeling:** [Training Stage 2- Hosting a Next Steps Workshop as a Participant](#)
- **Coaching & Mentoring:** [Training Stage 3- Co-Leading a Next Steps Workshop with HANDS Staff](#)
- **Leading:** [Training Stage 4- Running a Next Steps Workshop for Fidelity Review](#)

Maintenance If you're interested in becoming a certified Next Steps facilitator so that you can provide support and direction to families seeking answers following an autism diagnosis, contact us at hands@iupui.edu and see <https://handsinautism.iupui.edu/nextsteps.html> for more information.

Wabash Valley Education Center has many Professional Learning opportunities this year 2013 - 2014 for our Indiana educators. To register and view these events visit <http://www.esc5.k12.in.us/> or by Clicking on the workshop will take you to the registration page for more information on each workshop offered ([see listed courses](#)) For additional information contact Kim McCutchan at kim@esc5.k12.in.us or 765-463-1589 ext. 34 ([course descriptions](#))

The East Central Educational Service Center, (ESEC) is pleased to announce a series of professional development for teachers in grades K-12 to help support student learning. To register for these workshops, go to <http://www.ecesc.k12.in.us> and click on "Workshops." Participants need to bring a laptop or an iPad/tablet to the sessions. **ECHOES and REFLECTIONS** Leaders in Holocaust Education workshop, ([see flyer](#))

Indianapolis as a Global Crossroad: Wednesday, June 18 9 - 1 p.m. The Indianapolis Sister Cities Program hosts its first conference for educators June 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Covenant Christian High School. "Indianapolis as a Global Crossroad: Celebrating, Educating & Connecting" Conference will strengthen teachers' and administrators' knowledge of Indy's changing cultural diversity and help identify ways to better engage all students in our communities.

Remarks from Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, a keynote address by Ruth E. Van Reken, co-author of "Third Culture Kids: Growing up Among Worlds," a featured student panel and six breakout sessions covering a variety of opportunities for educators to employ global diversity. ([see flyer](#))

Admission is \$15 for those who register before May 18 and \$20 for those who register after that date. To register <http://indyasaglobalcrossroad.eventbrite.com> . For more information about the conference, please [click here](#).

Italian on line: New opportunity for high school students! June 23 - August 1, 2014 FRIT-M100, class 16216

M100 Beginning Italian, an interactive online course, for information contact Karolina Serafin at kserafin@indiana.edu ([see course descriptions](#))

Global Competence Certificate ([see flyer](#)) Teachers College, Columbia University, World Savvy and Asia Society have developed a 15 month on-line graduate level certificate program in global competence education for teachers. Applications submitted online: March 3 - June 15, 2014. Semester begins: September 2014 For more information about the GCC, please contact Jennifer Lofing at jen@globalcompetencecertificate.org

Highlighting Best Practices for Family Engagement (Jun 9, 2014) [The Indiana Center for Family, School & Community Partnerships](#) Monday, June 9, 2014 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM (EDT) Indianapolis, IN www.fscp.org

The conference shows how images can help schools "see" both sides of family engagement-what it looks like when families aren't welcome in the learning process as well as what linking families to learning really looks like. Do you "see" what effective family engagement looks like? . _

- Showcase school communities with proven effective family, school and community engagement
- Share results of the Indiana Public Policy Forum and the Statewide Advisory Council
- Build networking across the state to further enhance and share family engagement tools and strategies

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